GROW

ORANGE GROVE SCHOOL EXPANSION

THE STORY & THE NEED

OUR HISTORY

In 1953, **Orange Grove School (OGS)** blazed a trail by opening a school for children with **intellectual or developmental disabilities (IDD)** that offered an alternative to a lifetime in a state-run institution.

Thirty students grew to 100+ by the mid 1970s. By then, federal laws required that local public schools serve students with disabilities, and OGS enrollment began to decline. But public schools cannot meet the demands and needs of all the children in their districts.

"In these days, it is doubtful that any child may reasonably be expected to succeed in life if he is denied the opportunity of an education."

***Brown v. Board of Education*, 347 U.S. 483 (1954)**

Meanwhile, OGS maintained its excellent programming and reputation and earned national accreditation from **The Council on Quality and Leadership (CQL)**.

Until now, families with children with disabilities could only choose OGS with the agreement of their home-zoned school.

Today, state programs like the **Individual Education Account (IEA)**, **Educational Savings Account (ESA)**, **Education Freedom Scholarship (EFS)**, and **Katie Beckett waiver** offer families more flexibility for choosing what's best for their student.

SPACES & SERVICES

OUR SPACES

OGS is expanding to include 8 new, state-of-the-art classrooms with exceptionally qualified teaching staff designed to support each student — ensuring the best possible educational outcomes.

OUR SERVICES

Related therapies are frequently part of a student's education plan, and OGS will work with families and private therapists to provide breakout space for 1:1 therapy services sessions like **applied behavior analysis (ABA)**.

A multi-sensory room is currently being upgraded as a quiet space to help de-escalate and calm students with unique sensory needs.

OGS is flexible and can serve interim and/or permanent placement needs for students.

$4.25M EXPANSION GOAL

GROW OUR CLASSROOMS

- Traditional chairs, desks
- Beanbags, soft cushion floor seating
- Adaptive chairs (height, position, etc.)
- Group learning tables
- Inclusion Tables • Sensory chairs
- Student storage (cubbies, bins, lockers)
- Learning material cabinet storage
- Countertops & cabinetry
- ADA upgrades for restroom
- iPads/tablets
- Noise dampening panels
- Sensory-friendly lighting
- Blinds and curtains for windows/wall
- Privacy screening, floor and tabletop
- Swing (cocoon type or pod from ceiling)
- Storage for personal/teaching material
- Adjustable height desks

GROW OUR STUDENT LIFE FACILITIES

- Gym floor refurbishment
- Courtyard doorways upgrade
- Athletic/PE Equipment
- Outdoor Play/Enrichment Area Upgrades
  - Phase 1 - Add wheelchair accessibility paths
  - Phase 2 - Design/Installation of play area

GROW OUR INTERNAL FACILITIES

- Code safety upgrades
- Ceiling panel replacement
- Classroom door replacement
- Design and buildout administrative office space
- Painting (classrooms, public areas and admin offices)
- Decor (public areas and admin offices)
- In-room HVAC replacement.

GROW OUR EXTERNAL FACILITIES

- Parking lot resurfacing
- Redesign and replace school entry doorway
- Upgrade fencing around the property
- Landscaping design and installation
- School-specific signage (ID and directional).

We need your help to serve more students and carry on the legacy of Orange Grove.

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